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Subject: RE: Interview with David Leffler of Public Health Watch
Attachments: Dan Hoyt __ EPA questions Public Health Watch 12-30-22.docx

Dan,
The reporter came back with a much longer and detailed set of questions (attached). Where I thought they were applicable, I've inserted some of the answers you provided to his previous questions. I'm checking with Region 6 to determine whether its appropriate for you to answer all of these. This is an unusually long and detailed set of questions, so I want Region 6 to have the opportunity to advise on a path forward. I'll circle back with you once I've heard back from Region 6. Thanks, George

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George,

Please see my draft responses to the questions from Mr. Leffler below in blue text.

-Dan

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Dan and Matt,
After discussion with Region 6 Public Affairs, who have also received inquiries from the same reporter on this topic, we've decided to respond to written questions, rather than to proceed with interviews. The reporter previously sent questions for Dan, which are pasted below. OPA has asked the reporter if he has separate questions for Matt. I will circle back as soon as we have his response about questions for Matt. Dan, if you could please begin work on responses to the written questions below, that would help us. Thanks, George

- What first drew your attention to ITC/lead to the facility's inspection in 2012? Essentially, what compelled Region 6 to visit the facility that fall?

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

- Had you been out to ITC before? Or was it your first time there?

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

- The inspection report is very detailed, but I'm hoping to better understand what your experience on the ground was like. What was your process like during the inspection? What kind of tools did you use (FLIR cameras, etc.)? I'm hoping to, from a narrative perspective, understand what it's like to be a part of one of those inspections.

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

- The inspection notes potentially high emissions from a number of tanks. Can you contextualize these findings in any way for me? I'm just hoping to better understand the scale/severity of these emissions (since there are so many factors that go into measuring them), what you + your team were seeing, etc.

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

- Your team also saw high emission levels at Vopak, correct? How did those compare with those found at ITC, in terms of scale, scope, and frequency?

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

- Who was your team's main contact at ITC at the time?

- Looking back, what stood out to you most about the facility and inspection? Any takeaways that stick out in your mind?

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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Dan and Matthew,
The reporter responded saying that he will not be able to do the interview(s) this week. Can you let me know if you have availability next week (days and time blocks)? Thanks, George

From: Hoyt, Daniel <Hoyt.Daniel@epa.gov>
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I'm available for a call tomorrow at 2pm ET. I have no preference for doing it together with Matt or separately.

-Dan

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Matthew and Dan,

OPA has told me that they would like to schedule interview(s) with David Leffler of Public Health Watch for tomorrow, if one or both of you is available. Mr. Leffler has agreed to conduct the interviews on background. OPA has suggested scheduling one interview with both of you. I explained that the reporter's interest in interviewing each of you stems from separate inspections that you each conducted on the Intercontinental Terminal Company facility in Deer Park, TX. I don't see any strong pros or cons to doing the interview together, but let me know if you would rather do them separately. Could you let me know if you are available tomorrow and what time slots would work for your schedules. Thanks, George